

If anything, there needs to be tighter FCC regulation of "last-mile" broadband service. Giving local telcos free reign to negotiate with independent ISP's can only lead to the end of competitive DSL service!

As a consumer, it's important to me that there be competition (in the absence of strong regulation); getting rid of both will leave us at the mercy of one company.

The place in need of more regulation: scheduling new DSL service, and better defining the telco-ISP interfaces so as to make it easy to determine which party is to blame when service fails.